

Fumi Yoshinaga

Flower of Life 3

DIGITAL MANGA PUBLISHING

Flower of Life 3 Fumi Yoshinaga

DMP

Flower of Life 3

It's Thanksgiving, and everyone and his dog are excited for the big party! At least that was the plan until... the more the food the more the party... each one in charge of their share has an unexpected twist. With the students' lives put together now lies a disaster that ruins the feeling for not just all? It took the spirit of the season come through despite every catastrophe?

Miyako and her best friend teacher Shigeno... struggle with a dilemma of her own. In the midst of an office romance with her heart between a married colleague and... Miyako's friend... the heart of two girls... finally the choice of... will somehow save the situation in her own advantage... unless Miyako's heart actually does beat for more than once.

The owner of... The House and the... and... from... a... of... high school...

DEAR
- DINNER
TODAY
IS SOON
BE A
TREAT

Kinokuniya

MAINTENANCE FUND OF
AND
FOR THE
OF THE
OF THE
OF THE
OF THE

MAINTENANCE FUND OF
US \$12.95

YA

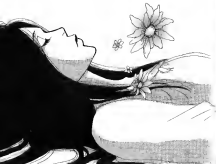
FOR YOUNG
ADULTS 14+



DMP
DIGITAL MANGA PUBLISHING

フラワー オブ ライフ

#10



Flower of Life

3

#10	005
#11	039
#12	073
#13 Part 1	107
#13 Part 2	143
Bonus	185

Translation
Lettering
Graphic Design/Layout
Editing
Editor in Chief
Publisher

Sachiko Iwata
Kagihiko
Daryl Kuchikawa/First Ltd
Daryl Kuchikawa
First Ltd
Shizuka Kuchikawa

ISSN 0945-5611. In 1998, FLOWER OF LIFE was first published in Japan by SHOGAKU GAKKA. In 2000, English translation rights were acquired through FLOWER OF LIFE INC. All other material © 1997 by FLOWER OF LIFE INC. All rights reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced without permission in writing or by any means, without written permission from the copyright holder. Any attempt to copy, scan, photocopy, or otherwise reproduce for this publication in any form without written permission is strictly prohibited. All characters depicted in this publication are the property of the publisher. The FLOW logo is a registered trademark.

English Edition Published by
FLOWER OF LIFE INC.
10000 S. 10th Street, Suite 100
Garden, CA 95628

www.dimplelife.com

Printed in Japan
ISBN 4-798-1-0000-0
ISBN 4-798-1-0000-0

1 3 5 7 9 1 1 3 5 7

Printed in China



YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL — YOU SHOULD START CHOOSING YOUR OWN WARDROBE

OH, GOOD — THEN I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MONEY, SO YOU CAN BUY SOMETHING TO WEAR PICK OUT ANYTHING YOU LIKE



HELP NO, BUT I WAS THINKING OF SHINING BY SHINING AND BUYING SOME ART SUPPLIES ON THE WAY HOME

SUMI-CHAN, ARE YOU GOING TO BE COMING HOME LATE TODAY?



SUMI-CHAN...

WHAAAT?

BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE I'M FINE WITH WHAT-EVER YOU BUY FOR ME!



THIS IS TAKEDA-SAN'S HOME

WAKE

OH, NO. I NODDED OFF WHILE DRAWING AND SLEPT THE WHOLE NIGHT THROUGH...



G-G-GREAT, GREAT! I'LL ACCEPT THE MONEY GRATEFULLY AND BUY SOMETHING WITH IT!



YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED US TO BE MORE LIKE FRIENDS, BUT EVEN WHEN WE'RE AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES TOGETHER, YOU NEVER LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING ANY FUN.



YOU'RE SO FRIENDLY



GOOD MORNING, SUMI-CHAN.

GOOD MORNING, MOM.



SH
WA



HERE HE IS,
SITTING IN
MY CLASS...
HE'S ONLY A
FIRST-YEAR HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENT!
HE MAY LOOK
PHYSICALLY
MATURE BUT
HE'S STILL
ONLY ME...













OH --

ACTUALLY...
THAT ONE MIGHT
SUIT YOU MORE.
TAKEDA-SAN
THE OFF-WHITE
SETS OFF YOUR
COMPLEXION
BETTER.



OH,
THAT ONE'S
GOOD TOO.
DON'T YOU
THINK?

MY/AM,
IF YOU LIKE,
WOULDN'T YOU
TRY ON THIS
COAT ALSO?



YOU
TRYING
SOME
THINGS ON,
TAKEDA-
SAN?

HAKUZONO-
KUN...



SERIOUSLY?
OH --
IT'S FINE!

WHAT?
FOR YOUR
SISTER? NO
BUT YOU'RE
TOTALLY A
GREAT LITTLE
BROTHER!

HEY,
HAKUZONO-
KUN --
TAKEDA-
SAN'S
HERE, TOO.



YES, I
STILL
HAVE SOME
STUFF MY
SIS ASKED
ME TO GET
-- I'VE
GOTTA GO

THE STORE
CLOSED'S
WAITING FOR
ME, SO I'LL
CATCH YOU
GUYS LATER!

SEE YOU
TOMORROW!



HEY,
THAT
LOOKS
GOOD
ON YOU.

IT'S
CUTE





NO WAY,
ISONISHII!
ARE YOU
GOING TO
TELL HER?!
ARE YOU?!
ARE YOU?!

OH... HEY, HEY!
YOU'RE IN THE
SAME CLUB AS
MAJIMA-KUN, RIGHT
TAKEDA-SAN? THEN
HAVE YOU HEARD
FROM HANAZONO-
KUN? ABOUT THE
"KOSHUEN TUMULTUS"
INCIDENT?

HUH?
WHAT'S
THAT?

THEY ARE
AT AN AGE
WHEN EVEN
A DROPPED
CHOPSTICK
WILL SEND
THEM OFF
ON A FIT OF
GIGGLES.



YOU KNOW
WHICH CHARACTER
I LIKE? GREGORY'S
PAULOR MAID,
KATY!! I'M HOPING
THAT GREGORY
WILL HURRY AND
REALIZE THE CRUSH
KATY'S SECRETLY
GOT ON HIM!

REALLY,
IT'S GREAT!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'RE THE
SAME AGE
WE ARE!

IT'S SO
TOTALLY
GOOD!!
HOW DO
YOU COME
UP WITH
STORIES
LIKE THAT?!

YES, KATY WILL
PROBABLY BE
MAKING MORE
APPEARANCES
FROM NOW ON --
AFTER ALL, SHE
LOVES GREGORY
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
HER HEART!

THANK
YOU...!!

...!!

TH...

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
TO ME, AS
LONG AS
GREGORY
STAYS
ALIVE.

WHAAAT
?!

BUT YOU
NEVER
KNOW.
I MIGHT
JUST KILL
KATY
OFF...♡

I...
CAN'T
BREATHE...
SO HE
ACTUALLY
SAID
THAT...?
THAT
MAJIMA-
KUN...

ISONISHI,
YOUR
IMPRES-
SION OF
MAJIMA-KUN
IS SOOO
DEAD-
ON...!!

IN THIS WAY,
JINNAI AND ISONISHI
CONTINUED THEIR
GOSSIP AND BANTER
AS THEY ALWAYS
DO, LAUGHING
ALL THE WHILE.



WHAAAT?!!
NOOO!!
I'D BE DEAD!!





WOW...
LOOK AT
THOSE
MARKERS.
NEW
COLORS
ARE OUT

TAKEDA-SAN
HAD ONLY
RECENTLY
STARTED
DRAWING
MANGA. THERE
WERE STILL
MANY ART
SUPPLIES SHE
HAD YET TO
COLLECT.

I'D LOVE TO START
COLLECTING THEM
BIT BY BIT, TO USE
IN ILLUSTRATIONS
FOR NEXT YEAR'S
CULTURAL FESTIVAL.
PASTELS MIGHT BE
PRETTY, TOO..



30
MINUTES
LATER.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT! IT'S
JUST A
FEW ART
SUPPLIES,
RIGHT?



OH,
IT'S OKAY
-- DON'T
MIND US,
REALLY!

O-OH!
I'M SO
SORRY...
FOR TAKING
SO LONG...
I'LL JUST
BE ANOTHER
MINUTE!!

YEAH,
WE'VE
STILL GOT
PLENTY OF
TIME

OHMY MAN --
THIS LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
GOING TO BE
A WHILE...



WOW...
THIS IS
A NEW
PATTERN --
IT LOOKS
REALLY
HANDY!

OH!!

THAT'S RIGHT,
I'M OUT
OF THE
S-154, TOO..
OH!



YEAH...
BUT TAKEDA-
SAN -- SHE
LOOKS MUCH
LIVELIER
THAN SHE
DID BEFORE..

I..

I HAD NO
IDEA IT WAS
GOING TO
TAKE SO
LONG..

SUMIKO-CHAN...
ISN'T IT FUN TO
DRESS UP NOW
THAT YOU'RE
THIS AGE?

I'M SO HAPPY —
YOU SEE, I WAS
JUST A BIT WORRIED
WHETHER YOU'D BE
ABLE TO PICK
CLOTHES OUT ON
YOUR OWN,
SUMIKO-CHAN. BUT
NOW THAT I'VE SHOWN
EVERYTHING YOU
BROUGHT HOME,
I'M COMPLETELY
RELIEVED!

MAYBE...

DO YOU
THINK IT
WAS A GOOD
IDEA TO ASK
TAKEDA-
SAN TO GO
SHOPPING
WITH US
AGAIN NEXT
WEEK...?

HEY,
SONO-
SHI...

OKAY, THEN!
THE FASHION
SHOW IS
OFFICIALLY
OVER. I'LL
START DINNER
RIGHT AWAY,
SO YOU GO
UPSTAIRS
AND GET
CHANGED NOW.

CLATTER

YOU KNOW,
I'LL BET THE WHOLE
TIME WE WERE IN THE
CLOTHING STORES,
TAKEDA-SAN WAS
FEELING THE SAME
WAY HE DID IN THE
ART SUPPLY STORE...

PERSPECTIVE FLIPS!

I'VE GOT TO TRY
TO ACT LIKE I'M
HAVING MORE FUN
AT NEXT WEEK'S
SHOPPING. I CAN
DO IT... AFTER ALL,
IT WON'T BE MY
CLOTHES WE'LL BE
SHOPPING FOR
NEXT TIME.

THEY
WERE SO
NICE...
AND
TEA-TIME
WAS FUN
WITH
THEM.

OH...
I'M SO GLAD
JINNAI-SAN AND
ISONO-SAN
CAME ALONG
WITH ME TODAY.

BUT I FEEL BAD
ABOUT MAKING
THEM WAIT AT
THE END.
I'M SURE THEY
MUST HAVE BEEN
DISBUSTED
WITH ME!

WHAT
SHOULD I
DO? SHOULD I
LOOK
THROUGH
SOME
FASHION
MAGAZINES
FOR
REFERENCE?

Y-YOU
THINK
SO...?

SO CUTE!
YOU LOOK
SOOO
CUTE!!

OH OH
OH!
MY MY!
MY MY!

YRS!
THE COAT
YOU WORE ON
WHEN YOU
CAME HOME
WAS NICE,
BUT THIS
IS GOOD,
TOO!



I'M SORRY... ABOUT SAYING "DROP DEAD" TO YOU LAST TIME...

SO... I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D JUST ACCEPT THAT SHIRT AS AN APOLOGY AND FORGET IT EVER HAPPENED...



NO...

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT... YOU LOOK GOOD IN KHAKI.



LEMME HEAR IT ONE MORE TIME -- DOES IT SUIT ME?

WELL... SINCE YOU EVEN GOT ME THE INNER CAMI, TOO... I GUESS I'LL FORGIVE YOU.

YEAH, YEAH -- IT MAKES YOU LOOK SLOW.



NOW I'LL NEVER HAVE TO TAPE LONG, LONG PIECES OF PAPER TOGETHER JUST TO FIND A FAR-AWAY VANISHING POINT EVER AGAIN! MURRAY!

WOW, THIS IS GREAT!!
THIS PERSPECTIVE RULER IS SO CONVENIENT!!



MAN, YOU REALLY LOVE KHAKI, SIS. DON'T YOU ALREADY HAVE LIKE 100,000 PIECES OF KHAKI CLOTHES?

YAAAA -- I'M SO HAPPY! I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY REALLY HAD THIS IN KHAKI!!

SO WHAT?





ACTUALLY,
THIS WAS THE FIRST
TIME
SHOPPING
ALONE FOR
ISONISHI
AND JINNAI

THAT'S
RIGHT



THE
NEXT
WEEK...





**I'D LIKE TO
BUY THIS
LIGHT BOX!!**

**EXCUSE
ME!!**

LIGHT BOX



Model No. 34
Bottom: 100cm
Top: 100cm

EACH HAVING
SHOPPED TO
HER HEART'S
CONTENT, THE
THREE GIRLS'
CONVERSATION
REVERBERATED
WITH DELIGHT
AND
SATISFACTION.

AND
SO...







OH, I'LL
GO WITH
YOU.

I'M GOING
DOWN TO THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE TO GET
SOMETHING
TO DRINK.
ANYONE WANT
ANYTHING?

AND SAY,
FOR EXAMPLE,
EVERYONE IS
IMBROILED IN
CHATTER, THEY
ARE HAVING SO
MUCH FUN THAT NO
ONE WANTS TO GO!
UP TO GO GET ANY
REFRESHMENTS,
EVEN THOUGH
THEY ARE GETTING
QUITE THIRSTY
JUST THEN.



FORGET
IT.

AND I WAS
WONDERING,
IF YOU HAVEN'T
DECIDED WHICH
GROUP TO BE IN
YET, MAJIMA-
KUN, IF YOU'D
LIKE TO BE IN
MY --

YES.

GROUPS
FOR THE
SCHOOL
PICNIC?

BUT THE
GREATEST
TESTAMENT
TO HER
CHARACTER
OCCURRED
IN APRIL,
BACK WHEN
HARUTARO
HAD YET TO
ENROLL
IN SCHOOL.



SAY,
FOR EXAMPLE,
THESE THREE
GO TO THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK
TOGETHER.



WHEN THE CART IS
DESIGNED FOR ONLY
TWO PEOPLE TO SIT IN
A ROW, YAMANE-
SAN ALWAYS GETS IN
FIRST, VOLUNTARILY
SITTING NEXT TO A
STRANGER SO THAT
THE OTHER TWO CAN
SIT TOGETHER.



I'M NOT EVEN GOING ON THIS STUPID PICNIC IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO THE POINT IS moot. STAY OUT OF MY BUSINESS.





OH, MY --
OLD COVERS
WE APPLIED
-- EVEN IN
THIS COLD...

YOU'RE
TARDY,
SAKAI-
SAN.

AND
OUR
LAT.

I'M
VERY
SORRY

Y-YES.

GOOD
MORNING
SAKAI.

WAKE
UP! THIS
TEACHER,
SAKAI-SAN,
VERY
ALICE.

PARDON
ME...

IT IS BECAUSE,
ALTHOUGH SAKAI IS
LATE TO HER CLASS
ON AN ALMOST DAILY
Basis, SAKAI-SAN
NEVER CONSIDERS HER
WITH THE PIGS,
"YOU'RE LATE AGAIN."





IT'S TRUE —
YOU'RE ALWAYS
DOING THINGS
LIKE HILTING
AROUND WITH
RED HAIR
STICKING UP
ALL DAY.



IT'S TRUE!
THE ONLY REASON
MY DICTIONARY
IS SO LATTERED-LOOKING
IS BECAUSE I DON'T
TREAT IT PROPERLY!
I KNOW THAT!
EVERYONE ELSE
KNOWS THAT. POOR
THAT'S WHY THEY
WERE ALL
LAUGHING!



MM MM MM
BUT WHAT
DOES IT
MATTER?
IT'S STILL
TRUE THAT
YOU'RE
GOOD IN
ENGLISH,
AYA.



ALTHOUGH SAKU
WAS GRATEFUL
FOR KENCHI-
SANSUKE'S KIND
WORDS, SHE
WAS SO
EMBARRASSED
SHE COULD
HAVE DIED.

I'M SURE
EVERYONE
KNOWS.



SEE HOW WORRY
AND DOG-HEADED
IT IS FROM SO
MUCH USE!

LOOK,
EVERYONE!
AT THIS
DICTIONARY OF
SAKU-SAN'S!

ALL OF YOU
WOULD TAKE
SAKU-SAN'S
DEDICATION
TO HEART,
AND USE
HER AS AN
EXAMPLE!



YES
MA'AM.







OH... BUT TAKEDA-SAN'S GENRE IS ORIGINAL. SHOJO. I'M SURE THAT'S THE CATEGORY SHE APPLIED UNDER...



YOU SEE, TAKEDA-SAN TOLD ME THAT SHE'S GOTTER HOLD OF A BOOTH AT A COMIC SALE CONVENTION CALLED A COMI-THIN OR SOMETHING. IT'S SMALLER THAN THE COMIKET AND SHE SAID SHE'D BE WILLING TO SELL OURS ALONG WITH HERS!



WHAT DO YOU SAY?

AND I'VE BEEN WANTING TO WORK ON A LONGER STORY THAN THE ONE WE PUT IN OUR CLUB MAGAZINE LAST TIME.

YEAH, WELL... I DON'T REALLY CARE IF OURS SELLS OR NOT. BUT JUST HAVING A DEADLINE TO MEET WILL SPUR US ON, DON'T YOU THINK?



SHE MAY BEEN MENTIONING THIS BEFORE THIS...

Y-YEAH, BUT...

HUMP! REALLY?! THEN LET'S GO WITH THAT! HAVE YOU GOT IT WITH YOU?



TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'VE GOT A SCRIPT I'VE ALREADY STORY-BOARDED...

UMM...



WELL...
JOLT



OH, DEAR! AMA-CHAN...

ROLLING YOUR LEBTARD INTO A WRINKLED MESS LIKE THAT -- WHAT A SLOVENLY CHILD YOU ARE!



WHAT?



DO YOU WANNA DRAW A MANSA TOGETHER AND PUT IT OUT AS A BOOK NEXT TIME? IN... UMM... ONE OF THOSE DOWNSH! THINGS!

LIKE I SAID...



IT'S DIFFERENT FOR A GIRL... BEING TOLD YOU'RE SLOVENLY IS MUCH MORE OF A SHOCK THAN IT IS FOR A BOY...



NOOO!
WAIT, MAE!
I'LL
CLEAN IT
UP RIGHT
AWAY!



IT'S JUST
AS DIRTY
AS MY
ROOM IS!



YES,
WELL DO
THAT.

OH, UM...
I TOTALLY DON'T
MIND YOU TALKING
HERE AT ALL...
BUT... I'M SURE
YOU MUST BE
UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH ME AROUND.
ANGING-ANG!
WHY DON'T YOU
CARRY ON THE
REST OF YOUR
CONVERSATION
IN HABILIT'S
ROOM?

**NOOO,
DON'T!
YOU CANT!**

U-UN...
WELL,
IT'S JUST
THAT...

IT'S...
REALLY...
REALLY
MESSY.

MY
ROOM...



WHY WHY DO
YOU ALWAYS
TRY TO PUT UP
SUCH A GOOD
FACE IN FRONT
OF MEKUNI-ANG!
WEIRDO!

NOOOO!
SERIOUSLY!
IT'S REALLY
BAD!

I'M SURE
IT'S NOT
THAT BAD





U... UM, I'LL
BUY YOU A
NEW COPY!!
I'LL GET YOU
A NEW COPY,
AND...

**I'M SO
SORRY, YAMANE-
SAN!!** I...

THE PAGE
MUST'VE
BEEN LEFT
FOLDED
FROM THAT
TIME!!

OH BLAD,

LIKE "THREE
DAYS IN
BALTACOR"
-- THAT
ONE!

HAVE
THANKS,
YAMANE
--SAM

IT WAS GREAT
THE OTHER
SHORT
STORIES
WERE
REALLY
GOOD,
TOO!

HOWEVER,
A
MORNING
TWO
DAYS
LATER...



OH, IF

OH! I'D
LOVE THAT!
THAT'S SO
NICE OF
YOU--

IF YOU LIKE,
I COULD
LEND YOU
SOME OF
SUMIKURA
HARUY'S
OTHER
BOOKS --
HOW ABOUT
IT?

YOU'VE
MADE
ME
WANT
TO READ
IT
AGAIN.

THE
EDGE

IT'S ALL
RIGHT
IT'S STILL
READABLE

BEHOLD,
THIS IS AN
OLD BOOK,
SO I'M
PRETTY SURE
THEY DON'T
SELL IT
ANYMORE

THE
EDGE
A
JAIL







SINCE I'M SO LAX ANYWAY, WHY COULDN'T I BE LAX ENOUGH NOT TO CARE ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS...?



"PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SAKU-SAN."



LEAH BUT...

THAT I LIKE, THOUGH.

IT'S THAT PART OF YOU.



THANK YOU...



I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT ANYWAY...

IT STILL DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I FEEL ASHAMED OF MY SWEET-COMINGS...



WELL, THE POINT IS, I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU BE ASHAMED OF ME.



WHAT?



ARE YOU A LASSIEHAP?

WHAT?

BUT - CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING, AM?



I SUSPECT ONE-WAY FEELINGS JUST EVEN FOR WENDOWIPS, RIGHT?

BUT SHEN-CHAN...



BUT, LATELY ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS YAMANE-SAN.

HESITANT WHY DO YOU JUMP TO THAT CONCLUSION, SHEN-CHAN? IT'S NOT LIKE I'M COMPARING YOU TO YAMANE-SAN, AM I?

I'M FEELING PRETTY NEGLECTED OVER HERE, YOU KNOW...



"IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S STILL ENDOWABLE."



MY BAD.

BEH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.



HEY, SHOTA, DID YOU BRING THE REST OF THAT STUFF-BOMBING?



I'M STILL BREATHING...



OHHEL... I ALSO THOUGHT I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW. OH, HOLD. I HOPE I'VE STOPPED BREATHING BY THE TIME MORNING COMES.



IN THIS WORLD, PEOPLE THINK I'M SO LUCKY PEOPLE STAYING OF ACTUAL FARMING, AND HILL AND DRINKING...

HERE I AM IN THIS SO-CALLED PARADISE COUNTRY, WITH LITTLE WORRY FOR FOOD, SHELTER AND CLOTHING. HUNTING TO DO OVER SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL... I'M SO, SO LAME OF MYSELF.

SIGH



AM, WELL... ACTUALLY, HE ALREADY SOLD HIS OWN BROTHER TO DROP DEAD THE OTHER DAY.



I PROBABLY COULD DIE...

BUT IF I SAID THAT TO SOMEONE LIKE HIM WHO ACTUALLY FIRED BULLETS DURING HIS LAST FIGHT, I ACT WO'D GET ANGRY...



I WAS LATE AGAIN TODAY. I WAS LATE ON PURPOSE SO THAT IT WOULDN'T SEEM LIKE I'M A THING-TO-DO. I DON'T SAY GOOD MORNING TO ME.





SH-



I'M
SOOOO GLAD!!
IT WAS JUST MY
IMAGINATION!
YAMANE-SAN
WASN'T THAT
CONCERNED
ABOUT IT
AFTER ALL!

**SHE
DOESN'T
HATE
ME!!**



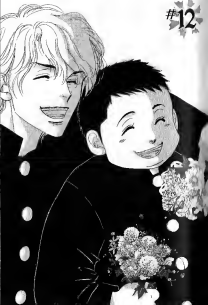
OH...
YOU SAY
"SENSITIVE"
BUT YOU'RE
STILL JUST A
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT.
YAMANE-SAN

IT WAS
SENSITIVE
OF ME.
I'M SURE
SENSATION
SHOWED
ON MY FACE
IF ONLY FOR
AN INSTANT...

IN FACT,
YAMANE-SAN
IS ACTUALLY
VERY
SENSITIVE
WHEN IT
COMES TO
FOOD.

I'VE
STILL GOT
A LONG
WAY TO
GO...







THE PRINCESS IS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH A MAN WHO LIVES IN THE TOWN, SO KYLE LETS THE PRINCESS AND HER LOVER ESCAPE...

YEAH, THE FINAL WINNER TURNS OUT TO BE THE MAIN CHARACTER, KYLE — BUT HE SHO'T ABLE TO WED THE PRINCESS, SO HE CAN'T BECOME KING, EITHER.

AND KYLE RETURNS TO HIS FORMER LIFE AS A NOMAD HANDLING THE DESERT.

ACTUALLY, IT'S MORE LIKE A SLURP THAN MAGIC, ISN'T IT? LIKE A TROOP! GREAT IDEY!

THIS PART HERE IS REALLY COOL... WHERE THEY WERE LOOKING MUST BEACH THEIR COOL, TIGHT, LOOKING EXACTLY BY DESIGN! MAGIC!

IN THE END, NO ONE ACTUALLY GETS TO MARRY THE PRINCESS. TWOLINE.

IT'S A GOOD ENDING!

BUT IN ITS OWN WAY, THIS IS A HAPPY ENDING!

ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT THE BEST

IM... ACTUALLY, KURE-KUN, ALL OTHER SMALL COMIC SALES CONVENTIONS BEYOND THE BIG ONES IN SUMMER AND WINTER ARE CALLED "EVENTS."

OH, REALLY? THEN OUR DOUGJINSAI MANGA FOR THE EVENTS!

NOW WE CAN FINALLY CONCENTRATE ON OUR DOUGJINSAI MANGA FOR THE COMETS!

YEAH, SWORDS, MAGIC... ANYTHING!

HEY, SO THE WEAPONS FOR THESE WARRIORS WHO COME TO ASK FOR THE PRINCESS' HAND IN MARRIAGE — CAN THEY BE ANYTHING?

STORY OF KING OF THE WARRIORS OF THE AGES LAST TIME











BUT IT'S
THE CHANGES...

IT'S NOT
INTERESTING
AT ALL!!

IT'S
POSSIBLY NOT!



AND OF
ALL THINGS,
A MACHINE
GUN...!



ARE YOU
SAYING
YOU TRIED
TO ACCOM-
MODATE
ME, SO I
SHOULD
JUST SHUT
UP!!

CAN'T YOU SEE
I PURPOSELY
MADE THE GUN
DESIGN LOW-
TECH-LOOKING
TO FIT INTO
YOUR STORY
WORLD!!

THIS TIME
AROUND, THE
STORY IS
BASICALLY LIGHT
AND HAPPY, SO AN
ANYTHING-GOES
MENTALITY WOULD
MAKE IT MORE
FUN!

WELL...
I
DON'T
AGREE!!



SO HOUSY...

IN THE
MIDDLE
OF CLASS
ACTIVITY!!



THIS MAY BE A
FANTASY GENRE,
BUT THAT STILL
DOESN'T MEAN
ANYTHING DOESN'T
READ IT CAREFULLY...
THERE HAVEN'T ANY
TECHNOLOGY
IN THIS STORY,
IS THERE?



THIS STORY
WORLD HAS ITS
OWN PARTICULAR
BLESS — THAT'S
HOW I WROTE IT!
DON'T JUST GO
CHANGING THINGS
WITHOUT A PROPER
UNDERSTANDING!!





IT'S THE BAD AND UGLY OF AN ARTIST. NO MATTER HOW CLOSE THEY ARE AS FRIENDS, IT'S JUST ONE THING THEY COULDN'T COMPROMISE ON.

PITCH ALL OF US THERE'S A CERTAIN LINE THAT CANNOT BE CROSSED.



IT'S BAD



IT MAY BE LONELY, BUT AT LEAST I'M HERE.

SOLD...

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE ALONE



IF YOUR OPINION CLASHED WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



DAD...

THIS OPEN TODAY IS REALLY GOOD. SHOTA



I SUPPOSE

BUT THAT'S JUST MY REASONING. IT'S MORE STRUGGLE FOR ME TO HAVE TO COME BACK.



IF THERE'S A STRONG-MINDED PERSON AT THE WORKPLACE, IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS GOING SMOOTHLY, THERE'S NOTHING BUT FOR EVERYONE ELSE TO GOIN AND FOLLOW IT, I GUESS ..

HA HA

WELL, LET'S SEE...



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...



SO YOU JUST HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IT...

I'M THE SAME WAY... SO WHY COULDN'T I JUST LET IT GO THIS TIME?





YOU KNOW,
I WAS REALLY
HAPPY
YESTERDAY!

UM
ABOUT
YESTERDAY...
ACTUALLY,
I...

HARU-
KUN



YOU SEE,
I REALLY WANT
TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT YOU ---
THAT'S WHY I WAS
REALLY HAPPY
ABOUT
YESTERDAY!

YOU
HONESTLY
TOLD ME
EVERYTHING
YOU FELT,
RIGHT? EVEN
THOUGH OUR
OPINIONS
CLASHED...

FOR THE
FIRST TIME,
I FINALLY
FELT WE
WERE TRULY
Friends!



W-WHAT,
IT'S GREAT...

IT'S BACK
TO THE
WAY YOU
WROTE IT.
RIGHT?
IS THAT
OKAY?

HONN'S
THAT?



HARU-KUN...



BUT IF
I WANT TO
DO THAT,
I SHOULD
WRITE MY
OWN STORY,
RIGHT?

I DON'T
BLAME YOU FOR
GETTING ANGRY.
I'M THE ONE
WHO CHANGED
STUFF WITHOUT
ASKING.

WHILE I WAS
DRAWING YOUR
MANGA, I KINDA
STARTED WANTING
TO THINK UP MY
OWN STUFF, TOO...
THAT'S PROBABLY
WHY I NEEDED
WITH YOUR MORE.

Sorry.









BUT FROM
NOW ON, SHOTA
RESOLVED NEVER
TO FEEL ANY
PUNCHED IF IT
MEANT CREATING
A BETTER HANGER



IT IS
UNSTO-
NABLE
WHETHER
HE WILL
BE ABLE TO
PUNCH ANY
HANGER
WITH
BATTLE-
SAY.

AS FOR
HANGER-
KUN'S
FUTURE...

ENOUGH
A REPLY... A
HANGER-
KUN IS STILL
A HANGER-
KUN. NO MATTER
HOW YOU
CHANGE THE
HANGER...



ONCE A MONTH,
HARUKA
UNDERGOES
A PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION





THINK YOU
FORGETTING
SOMETHING
ABOUT THE
SCENE...



YES... EVEN WHILE
MYSTICAL,
DURING OF THE
MAGNUS DANCE
AN UNUSUAL
SITUATION, LIKE
THAT OF A KING A
TOOTH PULLED.

UNUS... NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES I
DO THROUGH IT,
SOME MAGNUS
EXTRACTION
STILL HURTS...



ONLY,
ALSTARD-
KUN YOU
CAN DO
SOMEHOW
GOOD JOB.



I
WAS
MAKING
MISTAKE...



MAKING
MISTAKE...



HARDY-
KUN, I'M
SURE YOU
KNOW THIS
ALREADY,
BUT PLEASE
REFRAIN
FROM TAKING
A BATH
TODAY.

I
KNOW.



I GOT A
LETTER
FROM
MAGNUS
NOW.





LET'S
SEE... ♪

SURE! SOON
ARE THERE ANY
OTHER PROPER
ANYONE WOULD
LIKE TO INVITE?



TESTS
ARE
OVER!!

Y
A
A
Y
!!



W-WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO COME...?
THAT IS, UM,
WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE YOU...



O-UM,
MAYBE...UM
W-WHILE HAVING
A CHRISTMAS
PARTY ON THE
25TH.



I'VE GOT
PLANS ON
THE 25TH.



YEAH,
YEAH—
LET'S
DO IT!

ABOUT THAT
CHRISTMAS
PARTY I'VE
ASKED YOU
ALL TO THINK
ABOUT... ♪

SO,
EVERYONE...

OH, MY
FOUR-ARM!
IS IT ONLY IF I
WRITE TAKEDA-
SUN FROM
CLASS AM!





I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I? STUPID LIKE THAT IS FINISH ANY TIME YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR FRIENDS, JUST BRING 'EM ALL DOWN HERE!



WELL...

SURE.



I'M NOT FORGIVING MYSELF AT ALL!

BUT ARE YOU REALLY SURE? IF YOU'RE FORGIVING YOURSELF TO INCLUDE MY SISTER BECAUSE YOU FEEL OBLIGATED —

A—ARE YOU KIDDING? SHE WILL BE SO HAPPY!



REALLY—?



HEHE!

O-OHAY.

OH

OH

THAT'S RIGHT... YOU WERE NEVER LEFT ALONE AT HOME, DON'T YOU?



I'D JUST REALLY LIKE SAKURA-SAN TO BE THERE...

E..



I'M SORRY, DO ALL GOTH SHOULD I MAKE BREAD OR PILAF ON, AND A COLORED SALAD...

TOTALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

ALL RIGHT, FIRST SAGGED I MADE CHRISTMAS USUALLY MEANS A FRODO BOMBARD AND OF SOME SORT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY AN



HEY, SO — ABOUT THE 25TH, CAN YOU MAKE US SOME PARTY FOOD AT ABOUT FIVE IN THE EVENING THAT DAY?

NO...









HMM...? THE DAY OF THE YEAR-END SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY?

I'M FREE YES... YES.

IS IT REALLY ONLY...?

...DINNER...? A FRENCH REST. US'NT IN SOPPONG? HILLS...



ARE YOU FREE THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 25TH?

SURE.

BUT NOW, ON TOP OF THAT, I MIGHT BE LEAVING TOWARD ONE OF MY OWN 18-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS!

CHOOSING BETWEEN AN EXTRACURRICULAR AFFAIR OR A QUESTIONABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH A BOY IN HIS TEENS. IT'S TOO LAUGH!

IT'S TOO LAUGH!
IT'S TOO LAUGH!
IT'S TOO LAUGH!



WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

UNTIL JUST A WHILE AGO, ALL I HAD TO WORRY ABOUT WAS WHETHER I WAS GOING TO FIND IT OR NOT WITH SAICHU-SAN.



YOU'VE BEEN ACTING SO COOL LATELY... LET ME TRY TO MAKE THINGS UP TO YOU.



MY WIFE AND I GO ARE GOING ON A TRIP TO VIETNAM WITH HER SISTER ON THE 25TH.

LET'S SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE ALONE TOGETHER THIS YEAR.



HEY! IT'S FROM SAICHU-SAN!

THAT'S THE TASTY TASTY!

JUMP



JUST BECAUSE.

HURRY HERE AND NOT THE FACULTY LOBBY?"

DECEMBER 25TH --- HAVE YOU GOT PLANS?"



OHAYO I'M ON THE 25TH

SEE YOU

DON'T BE SILLY, SHUCHI-SAN

IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION, BUT THIS MAKES ME SO HAPPY THANK YOU



OH...

THIS MAN REALLY IS UNUSUAL - HE CAN TELL I'M DRIFTING AWAY FROM HIM, YET HE DOESN'T CHASE ME FOR IT, BUT LAUGHS AND SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.



TH... THEN GO OUT TO DINNER WITH ME!!

NO



YOU CAN EAT ANYTHING YOU WANT... SUSHI, SKILLED BEEF --- MY TREAT!

A- ANYWAY!!

OHAYO IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL, IS IT?

O-OH THE MID-20S... THIS TIME YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RED MARKS, RIGHT? SO THIS IS YOUR REWARD

I STUDIED BECAUSE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET TO THE PUNTER COMBOY IF I HAD TO TAKE YEAR-END MAKE-UP LESSONS

HIGH!



NO, YOU DON'T NOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO BE PUNISHED BY THAT PROGRESS?

OHAYO... AM I REALLY GOING TO GO TO AMB ON THE 25TH AND 27TH

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM ANYMORE, BUT WHAT'S THE POINT IN CONTINUING THIS PATER RELATIONSHIP...?

OH, BUT WHAT --- MAYBE SHUCHI-SAN REALLY WILL LEAVE HIS PAPER...?



OH...

I'VE GOT IT!!



Y' SURE ENOUGH
OR YOU DON'T —
AND I'LL IT
CHOOSING

NOW THE STAGE IS SET!
TWO DATES AT THE SAME
TIME OF 3PM ON THE 26TH.
WHICHEVER MAN I FIND
MYSELF HEADING TOWARD
WILL BE THE MAN I FULLY
LOVE!!

AND 5:00
OF COURSE, THE
MORRIS
SUBURB!!

PARDON HER, RIGHT
NOW, FILLING SAKI'S
MIND IS THE MEMORY
OF A TRENDY DRAMA
SHE WAS INTO AS A
YOUTH, POPULAR
DURING THE ECONOMIC
BUBBLE ERA.

THEY'RE THE TWO
MEN WHO WERE
IN THE 1990S

YOU'LL PAY
FOR MY
TRANSPORTATION,
TOO?

AI-NOT
GOOD...
HE'S
TOTALLY
SUS-
PICIOUS...

...

...

THEN
I'LL GO.

TH-THEN, 3PM ON THE 26TH,
MEET AT THE
FIRST-FLOOR
LOBBY OF THE
MORRIS
HOTEL IN
ODDAM!!

FROM NOW

I'M
TALKING
ROUND-
TRIP.

WHAT? IS
THAT WHAT
YOU MEAN
HESITATING
OVER?

HEART?

OF COURSE
I'LL PAY FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
100

I BOUGHT A
WHOLE
BUNCH OF
THEM...

B-B-BUT
I DISCUSSED
IT WITH MY
MOTHER AND
SHE SAID
THESE WOULD
BE A GOOD
IDEA, SO...

HURRY
WHAT? ARE THEY
NO GOOD?!

T-TAKEDA-
SAN, ? WHAT ARE
THESE THINGS
THAT LOOK
LIKE PARTY
FAVORS FOR A
LITTLE KID'S
BIRTHDAY ?



AN, WELL...
IT'S NOT
THAT I DON'T
SYMPATHIZE,
SINCE I WASN'T
REALLY INTO
THIS TASK,
EITHER...

I. I'M SO SORRY,
HANAZONO-KUN,
MIKUNI-KUN! TO TELL
YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NO
GOOD AT THINKING UP
THESE KINDS OF
THINGS AND I JUST
WANTED TO SET IT
OVER WITH AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE...



TAKEDA-SAN,
COULD YOU
DRAW A
MANGA ON
THE FIRST
PAGE OF EACH
OF THESE
NOTE PADS?!



I'VE
GOT
AN
IDEA!!



OH

THAT
IS NOW
MAJIMA'S
PLANS FOR
THE 25TH
CAME
ABOUT.

SCARY!!

I'M
GONNA
SKIP
BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH
ON THE
25TH

MAJIMA, OF
COURSE, IS
COMPLETELY
UNWARE THAT
HE HAS BEEN
SUCKED INTO
SUCH A TOKYO-
LOVE STORY,
OLD-SHOJO-
MANGA PLOT.



NOW WE
TURN BACK
TO HARUTARO
AND FRIENDS
PREPARING
FOR THEIR
CHRISTMAS
PARTY
HOWEVER...





HUH? THAT
CHRISTMAS TREE?
HE SAYS THAT
ANY YEARS AGO,
TO YOUR COUSIN
SATOSHI.

DON'T YELL!
WHAT IS IT?

HEY...
MAI!
MAI!

I SEARCHED
THE STORE-
HOUSE, BUT
I CAN'T FIND
THE TREE!!



HOW MUCH DO
CHRISTMAS
TREES COST,
ANYWAY?

DAMN—
I ALREADY
TOLD
EVERYONE
I'D BRING
THE TREE,
SO I'VE GOT
TO FIND
ONE...

—BUT I
RESEMBLE
SAYING
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT...

H
H
A
A
A
A
!

I EVEN
ASKED YOU
ABOUT IT THAT
TIME, AND YOU
SAID, "SUN-
WRO CARES
ABOUT THAT
OLD THING?"



AT THIS TIME,
JUNNA'S STILL
HAS NOT
REALIZED THAT
THE CLOSING
CHRISTMAS
ISOTS, THE
HOURS IT
REMOVES TO
FIND THOSE
PIONEER OF CES.

NO! I'M NOT
DYING UP! I'LL
TRY GOING TO
SHINJUKU'S
TSUTAYA
TOMORROW—
THERE'S STILL
TIME!

N...

AT THIS TIME OF
YEAR, EVERY LAST
CHRISTMAS-THEMED
CD IS RENTED OUT—
THIS IS THE THIRD
STORE I'VE BEEN
TO AND THERE'S
NOT ONE GOOD
ONE LEFT.

S-OH,
NO.





T-VES

HEY, HEY!
SO DID YOU
DRINK THAT,
TWEEDA-
SANE?



EROTIC --
IT'S
TOTALLY
EROTIC,
ISN'T IT?!

POW!
EH,
HARU-
KUN?!



THIS IS IT,
TWEEDA-SANE!
A GIFT WITH A
TASTE LIKE THIS
IS THE BEST!
THIS FEELS
OF KITY'S,
AND GREGORY'S
LIKE HERE...
I LOVE THEM!



I WAS GOING TO
RENT A CHRISTMAS
MUSIC COMPILATION
CD FOR THE PARTY.
I'M GOING TO HAVE
WITH MY FRIENDS,
BUT I CAN'T FIND
ANY. NEVER MIND,
I'M SURE YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT I'M TALKING
ABOUT.

OH IF IT'S
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
WE GOT A
GOOD ONE!



OH...

OH,
YOU POOR
DEAR, SHOW-
GUY. WHAT
KIND OF CD
ARE YOU
LOOKING
FOR?



WHAT
SHOULD I
DO? IT'S
NOT REALLY
WHAT I WAS
LOOKING
FOR...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
HURT
GARY'S
FEELINGS
SO I
BORROWED
IT FROM
HIM, BUT...



IT'S GARY
GROOVY!!
I LONGED FOR
SOMEONE AS
YOUNG!! I'LL
LEND
IT TO YOU.
SO PLEASE
LISTEN TO IT
WITH ALL
YOUR FRIENDS.







NEVER MIND...
I'LL JUST
BUY A CHICK
ON THE FLY!
THAT WAY
I CAN SAVE
FACE...

BONK

YOU KNOW...
THE PAVLOV...
I USED TO MAKE
IT FOR YOU ALL
THE TIME WHEN
YOU WERE LITTLE!
YOU CAN MAKE
THAT IN ONLY
AN HOUR.

MUM

I KNOW!
THE PAVLOV!

WHAT?
BUT THAT
DOESN'T
LOOK VERY
FANCY...

HURRY
NOW --
GET SOME
EGGS OUT
OF THE
REF--
ERATOR!

THAT'S
ENOUGH!
YOU
SHOW--
OFF!

OWWW!

WHAT
NOW?

I'M
SERIOUSLY
HUNGRY

ACK!!
I
MESSED
UP THE
ROAST
TURKEY!

AND OVER
HERE IS
ANOTHER,
FACING
THE SAME
DILEMMA.



#13 PART 2



AWAKENING
AT
AUNTIE'S.

IT
DOESN'T
SUIT ME
AT ALL!

HEY! EVEN
SR OSCAR WAS
SHOWN TO BE A
GLAMOROUS
BEAUTY WHEN SHE
PUT ON A DRESS!!
SO WHY IS IT THAT I
ONLY LOOK LIKE A
CROSS-DRESSING
MURK?

I'M SURE
YOU'VE
ALL
FIGURED
IT OUT BY
NOW ---
THIS IS
SPOILER!
BUT:



FROM THE CLASSIC MURK
THE ROSE OF SHARON!!!



JUST
TAKE A
LITTLE
BIT!

IT LOOKS
FINE TO
ME.

KEEP
DID YOU
REALLY
MESS UP?





BECAUSE
IT'S NOT
EVERY DAY
THAT YOUR
FRIENDS
COME TO
VISIT HERE.



IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO COOK A
BIRD SO EARLY, WHY
DON'T YOU MAKE
THAT CHINESE DISH
--- YOU KNOW,
THE FRIED CHICKEN
PIECES WITH THE
SCALLION SAUCE?

HEY



SO WHAT?
YOUR DINNERS
ARE ALWAYS
GREAT.

O-OH,
YOU MEAN
THE
"YOUNGER"
BUT THAT'S
REALLY JUST
A COMMON
SIDE-DISH
I ALWAYS
MAKE.

I'M SURE
EVERYONE
WILL
COMPLIMENT
YOU IF YOU
MAKE THAT!

OH, UR
THINK
MEAT?

I'LL RUN
OUT AND
GET SOME
CHICKEN.
THINK MEAT?
SALAD MEAT?

HOW
BUNNY
SOUNDS?



SEE?

IT'S ALL
O.K.

YOU'RE
RIGHT ---
IT'S NOT
GOOD.

AM



ARRRHH!!

IT'S NOT
A COMPLETE
LOSS, OR
ANYTHING.
IT'S STILL
EATABLE.

OH ---
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN SO
AMBITIOUS TO
TRY MY HAND
AT ROASTING A
TURKEY JUST
BECAUSE IT'S
CHRISTMAS!
I SHOULD'VE
USED STUFFING,
OR DONE MORE
TO ADD FLAVOR
TO IT!

I WHEN IT!
COMPARED
TO CHICKEN,
TURKEY IS
MORE BLAND
IN TASTE.
SO JUST
PLAIN
ROASTING
ONLY MAKES
IT DRY!!



OH, COME ON.
DO YOU REALLY
HAVE TO HAVE
PEOPLE
COMPLAINING
YOUR COOKING
ALL THE TIME,
SEE? SO WHAT
IF THIS ONE
TIME IT DOESN'T
TASTE THAT
GREAT.

THAT'S
RIGHT!
I DO WANT
EVERYONE
TO TELL ME
IF TASTES
GOOD EVERY
TIME!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
I CAN'T DENY
SOMETHING
CREaky LIKE
THIS TO
GUESTS ---
ESPECIALLY AT
A CHRISTMAS
PARTY, OF ALL
THINGS!



ONE HOUR LATER...



GUESS I'LL TRY AND USE THIS TO MAKE ONE MORE DISH!

WELL, THAT'S SOLVED BUT I DON'T WANT TO LET THIS TURNED GO ENTIRELY TO WASTE, EITHER.

HA!



WELL, THAT'S SOLVED BUT I DON'T WANT TO LET THIS TURNED GO ENTIRELY TO WASTE, EITHER.

I'LL JUST POP OUT.



I'LL JUST POP OUT.



HA!

DON'T SWEAT IT. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

HA!



THANK YOU!



LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE A LOW-KEY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR...



MERRY CHRISTMAS



NO KID-DING...



YO, TSUKI!

YO, DEAN!

OKAY. LET'S HEAD ON OVER TO HANABAND'S



SLAM



I KINDA HIT A DOWNER LATELY, SO I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING FUN AT THIS PARTY.

ABOUT AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE, S-S.



YOUR PART IS OVER IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE.

WELL, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING FUN AT THIS PARTY.







CV: Yurika, TK: Yurika (Shouting)









I'M
NOT
ANGRY.

THAT
"GOOD FATHER"
PART OF YOU IS
WHAT I LOVE.



SHIGERU!



SHIGERU!

WAIT A
MINUTE —
WHAT ARE
YOU ANGRY
FOR, YOU
DUMMY?!

HEY!!



SIGH—



SO PLEASE
STAY THE
GOOD FATHER.
SHIGERU-SUN!!



THHAD!



YOU
IDIO —!!



GRAB!





HE'S HERE...





SHOULD MAY BE COMPLETELY
IMMERSED IN
THEIR BELIEF AS
HUMAN BEINGS
AND YUI ODA,
BUT AS FOR
THE GENERAL
PUBLIC...

JOB
DOUBLE...

THOUGH
THAT'S TRUE
AND...

AND DON'T I
LOVE BEING
TOGETHER...?

SURELY
I'M SO GLAD
SHE SAYS
I BOUGHT A
LIGHT NOVEL
ON THE WAY
HERE AND
RAN OUT OF
TRAIN FARE...



MADAME...



I'VE
LEFT Y
SURE
SLOUCH!



IT'S YUI
ODA I'VE
CHOSEN...!!

FORGET STYLE OF PRESENTATION... AT THIS POINT, SAKURA'S STATE OF MIND WAS THAT OF A MOTHER WHO CHILDRIN TO FIND IN A TOWN OF FAMINE.



EVERYONE IS HAPPILY CONVERSING, LISTENING TO LOVELY CHRISTMAS MUSIC WHILE DINING ON SAKURA'S HOMEMADE PARTY FOOD!

MEAN- WHILE, AT UNKUNDOO'S HOUSE...

HOLD ON, GRAY? I'LL JUST USE SOME LEFTOVER RICE AND KIMCHI- I'VE GOT IN THE FRIDGE TO MAKE YOU A KOREAN-STYLE PORRIDGE, TODAY!

YES, PAPA!

I LOVE BIG, GRUMPY!



TH-THIS IS SOME CHILDREN-HE I PREPARED FOR DINNER LATER... BUT DO YOU REALLY WANT IT?

Y A

A Y !!



OH, THAT'S RIGHT! (SIGH) -- THE CUPID!

SEE? IT WAS KIND OF A LAME MESS FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY, BUT I SUPPOSE IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH.



AND EATING, AND EATING, AND EATING...



AND DRINKING...



EATING...



THE THREE ANGLES & GIGGLES SHE HAD BELONG SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS EATING AND DRINKING HISTORY.

TH- THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FOOD...

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT SAKURA FOUND HERSELF AGONY AT THE BLACK HOLE THAT IS THE APPETITE OF A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THE NEW
ON SCENE
MUSIC
CLUB

YEARS AND
IT'S SO LIGHT
I CAN STILL
SEE IT EVEN
THOUGH I'M
BLIND

NO, REALLY,
FISHMAN —
THIS TASTES
GREAT! IT'S SO
FLUFFY, BOTH
INSIDE AND
OUT!

OMG,
GOD-KUN
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO FORCE
YOURSELF!!
I KNOW I
TOTALLY
PHONED IT
IN!!

WHAT?
BUT IT
REALLY
DOES TAKE
MONEY

IT'S REALLY EASY TO MAKE. THE OUTSIDE IS MADE OF MARIANNA, WRAPPED UP WITH EGG WHITES AND PLUMS OF SUGAR, THEN BAKED. THE INSIDE IS FILLED WITH CREAM.

THIS IS
CALLED A
BUBBLE.

YOU GET IT
WITH DELIVERY
BASED ON
TODAY.

**MERRY
CHRIST-
MAS!!**

OH
NOW I CAN
FINALLY
ENJOY
CIGARETTES

I'M SO
RELIEVED I
I'VE BEEN SO
POORLY
TREATED SINCE
THE PARTY
STARTED...!

KAAW

INDEX

ON ITS
VARIOUS

WHOA,
IT'S TRUE!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT -- IT'S
TOTALLY
GOOD!





REALLY
FUN.



NO
WAY!!
REALLY?!



AND TSABU-
GUN... HE WAS
SOOO CUTE
TODAY! HE WAS
BEING SO
CONVERSATIVE
AND TALKING
WITH ME A
LOT...

OH, THAT'S
RIGHT!
ISONISHI-SAN
TAUGHT ME
HOW TO MAKE
THAT CAKE,
SO I'LL MAKE
IT FOR YOU
NEXT TIME!



HEY, I'VE
GOT IT —
WHY DON'T
YOU TRY
DATING HIM,
THEN?



THAT
WAS
FUN.



YEAH,
IT WAS.





I'LL WORK
AT A
CLOTHING
STORE AGAIN!

I ALREADY
WROTE UP
A RESUME
LONG AGO!



OHMY,
I'M STILL
SO FULL!
HANGOVER-
KING'S SISTER
SURE IS A
GREAT COOK!



YEP!

SO YOU
CHANGE
TRAINING AT
THE NEXT
STOP,
KUREMI-
KUN?



THIS TIME...
THE MIDDLE
OF THE LAST
HALF OF THE
SCHOOL
YEAR... IT'S
THE TIME I
LOVE BEST.



YEP!

SO YOU
CHANGE
TRAINING AT
THE NEXT
STOP,
KUREMI-
KUN?



**OUT IT
OUT!!**

I MEAN, YOU
COULD TELL
TODAY, COULDN'T
YOU? HE'S GOT A
LITTLE THING FOR
YOU ...



I'LL
FIND A
JOB!

BUT SAIL, IF I
DON'T, HOW ARE
YOU EVER GOING
TO FIND ANYONE
IN YOUR PRESENT
SITUATION? BEFORE
YOU BECAME A
SHIT-IN, YOU
NEVER LOOKED
FOR MEN!



NO, SERIOUSLY...
HE'S A GOOD GUY.
YOU KNOW?
I PERSONALLY
GUARANTEED IT! HE'S
MUCH BETTER THAN
ANY OF THOSE OTHER
GUYS YOU'VE EVER
DATED...

**I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!!**

W-W-WOW
LOVE THE
FALLING, TO
HAVE MY
OWN LITTLE
BROTHER
SOOTING
OUT MEN
FOR ME!



YEAH...



YES,
VERY MUCH
YOU SEE...

WELCOME HOME,
SHANG-CHAN.
DID YOU HAVE
FUN AT THE
PARTY?



I SWEAR,
YOU ARE
SUCH A
CARELESS
CHILD!

MOTHER...
THE
FAYLOVA
HAS A
BIG HIT!
THANK
YOU
SOOOO
MUCH!

I LOVE
YOU,
MOTHER!



IT'S RIGHT
ABOUT THIS
TIME THAT I
FINALLY START
TO FEEL
SCHOOL IS
FUN...

AT THE BEGINNING OF
A NEW SCHOOL YEAR,
IT'S ALL I CAN DO
TO GET USED TO
THE NEW CLASSES...
AND I'M SO NERVOUS
DURING TEST PERIODS.
HAPPENING NOTHING
I'LL BE ABLE TO
GET ALONG WITH
EVERYONE.

BUT BY THE TIME
THE END OF
SUMMER VACATION
ROLLS AROUND, I'M
FINALLY FEELING
COMFORTABLE AS
PART OF THE CLASS
AND I CAN BREATHE
EASY.



ME
TOO.



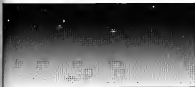
WE'LL
HAVE TO
PART WITH
EVERYONE
AGAIN.



AND IN
SPRING...

BY THEN,
SPRING WILL
BE JUST
AROUND THE
CORNER.

OF COURSE
WHEN THE
NEW YEAR
BEGINS, I'LL
BE EVEN
MORE USED
TO CLASS
AND HAVE
FRIENDS WITH
WHICH MORE
PEOPLE,
BUT...









WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT? A
CARROT SALAD WITH
POACHED EGG ON TOP,
VEGETABLE-FILLED SOUP,
FRIED RICE AND YAKITORI...
IT'S EXTREMELY
HEALTHY!

NOW AM I
SUPPOSED
TO EAT ALL
THIS FIRST
THING IN THE
MORNING?



IS IT
THAT YOU
DON'T LIKE
VEGETABLES...?



WOULD
YOU HAVE
PREFERRED A
JAPANESE-
STYLE
BREAKFAST?



HEHE,
MAJIMA.

WAKE UP
ALREADY!
IT'S NINE!



HURRY!
THE TOAST
IS ALMOST
DONE!

SO ON -- GET
DRESSED, THEN
GO PUSH YOUR
FACE. YOUR
TOOTHBRUSH IS
THE BLUE ONE BY
THE SINK.



